Assistance for modernisation of police forces

†2191. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any scheme to increase the financial assistance being provided to the States for the modernisation of the police forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In accordance with the provision to review the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces after every two years of its implemention from 2000-01, a Review Committee under the Charimanship of a Special Secretary was constituted on 6.3.2002 to look into various aspects of implementation of the Scheme and made recommendations for its improved implementation. The views of the State Governments were also obtained. The Committee submitted its report which *inter alia* recommended that Central Government's share should be increased to 75% out of which 50% should be in the form of grant-in-aid and 25% as loan. These recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Spies sent by China

†2192. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter Tibetans, Nepalese and Chinese spies are being sent by China to India, if so, what is the objective of the same and since when this practice is continuing;

(b) the number of spies apprehended in the last three-four months and what kind of materials have been seized and information gathered from them; and

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